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SUBJ: COVERAGE OF JDL

1. JDL ACTIVITIES BEING ACCORDED NEW ROUND OF PUBLICITY BY SOVIET PRESS, INCLUDING NEW AND EVIDENTLY FALSE CHARGES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST MEMBERS OF SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER HEIGHTENED ATTENTION TO JDL WILL DEVELOP INTO ANYTHING APPROACHING CAMPAIGN OF EARLY JANUARY. DURING RECENT WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN NO JDL-RELATED INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICANS IN MOSCOW. HARASSING SURVEILLANCE HAS CEASED AND LETTERS FROM "IRATE" SOVIETS HAVE BECOME RARE.

2. IZVESTIYA FEBRUARY 5 CARRIES LONG (40 COLUMN INCHES) ARTICLE BY A. GUSMANOV ENTITLED "LEAGUE OF POGROMISTS" WHICH DESCRIBES ALLEGED HISTORY OF ZIONIST COOPERATION WITH NAZIS AND JDL'S ATTEMPTS TO WORSEN US-USSR RELATIONS. QUOTING FROM WHAT HE CALLS A LIST OF JDL ACTS HANDED TO DEPARTMENT, GUSMANOV SAYS THAT "A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET NAVAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE WAS BEATEN UNCONSCIOUS AND ROBBED... A GROUP OF HOOLIGANS ATTACKED A FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY. ALL THE WINDOWS OF HIS AUTOMOBILE WERE BROKEN AND THE SECRETARY HIMSELF SUFFERED SERIOUS INJURIES..." HE ALSO LISTS:

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FREQUENTLY CITED INCIDENTS INVOLVING SOVIET PERFORMING GROUPS, AEROFLOT, THE TASS WASHINGTON OFFICE, AND THE BOMB IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY'S CULTURAL OFFICE.

3. GUSMANOV MAKES THE USUAL CHARGES OF US "CONNIVANCE", WHICH HE ASCRIBES TO "SOMEONE'S" DESIRE TO STIR UP ANTI-SOVIET FEELINGS AND TO DISTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM INDOCHINA AND ANGELA DAVIS CASE. ALSO TO BLAME ARE ZIONISTS WHO ARE FINANCING JDL AND DIRECTING ITS ACTIVITIES THROUGH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON.

4. UNDER TITLE "POGROMISTS FROM 'THE LEAGUE'", KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, FEBRUARY 6, PRINTS LENGTHY ARTICLE WHICH OPENS WITH OSTENSIBLE BLOW-BY-BLOW ACCOUNT OF JDL WINDOW SMASHING AND INVASION OF AEROFLOT OFFICE IN NEW YORK. BALANCE OF ARTICLE IS STANDARD ACCOUNT OF JDL'S AIMS AND METHODS, KAHANE'S REACTIONARY BACKGROUND, AND US FAILURE TO PUNISH LEAGUE MEMBERS.

5. SOVETSKAYA KULTURA, FEBRUARY 6, CARRIES ACCOUNT OF JDL ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT PERFORMANCES OF OMSKI CHORUS IN US. NEWSPAPER STRIKES POSITIVE NOTE, HOWEVER, IN DESCRIBING WARM RECEPTION FROM MOST AMERICANS AND ASSURANCES OF PROTECTION BY COLUMBIA ARTISTS MGT AND CARNEGIE HALL AND IN PRINTING REPRODUCTION OF POSTER BEING USED TO ADVERTISE OMSKI GROUP IN US. DECON 276772
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